

Appendix O: TRS Information in Telephone Directories



Information For Customers With Disabilities

OPERATOR/DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

Call **1-800-855-4000**

(TTY* only. Nationwide service is provided by Sprint.)

ALABAMA TELEPHONE RELAY SERVICE

Call **7-1-1**

This service, implemented by the Alabama Public Service Commission, allows customers who use Text Telephones (TTY) to communicate with others. Special operators translate TTY messages into speech for non-TTY users and vice versa. No charges apply to local calls. BellSouth and other local telephone companies collect 15 cents per month per phone line from every customer. The collected monies go into a trust fund to operate the Alabama Relay Center.

The fastest way for Text Telephone users and hearing callers to reach the Alabama Telephone Relay Service (ATRS) is to dial **7-1-1**. It is also easy to remember! The **7-1-1** telephone service connects standard (voice) telephone users with those who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, and/or have speech disabilities and use text telephones.

In addition to the **7-1-1** dialing option, the Alabama Telephone Relay Service can be reached by calling the following toll free access numbers.

1-800-548-2546 (TTY/ASCII)

1-800-548-2547 (Voice)

1-800-548-0259 (Voice Carry-Over)

1-800-548-2928 (Speech-to-Speech)

1-800-548-8317 (Spanish TTY/Voice)

1-900-646-4323 (900 Services)

For Customer Service (TTY/Voice/ASCII)

1-800-676-3777 (English)

1-800-676-4290 (Spanish)

The Alabama Telephone Relay Service is available any time day or night, seven days a week. ATRS calls can be placed to anywhere in the United States as well as internationally to English-speaking persons.

Here is how ATRS works: Someone who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or has a speech disability types on a Text Telephone. An ATRS Communications Assistant (CA) reads the message to the hearing person at the other end of the line. The ATRS CA then types the hearing person's words back to the TTY user. Each call is held strictly confidential, and no record of the conversation is kept.

Please note that 7-1-1 is NOT an emergency number. Dial 9-1-1 for EMERGENCIES. However, if you use a TTY and cannot obtain emergency services on 9-1-1, you may call 7-1-1 and tell the ATRS Communications Assistant you have an emergency. The ATRS CA will then relay your call to the appropriate emergency service provider.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE CALLS USING RELAY SERVICES

People who use relay services to make long distance calls on pay telephones may pay for these calls with a calling card. A calling card allows you to have calls billed to your telephone or to your card account. Calling cards may be used at coin telephones as well as any other telephone. The calls are billed at the same rate as long distance calling card calls that do not use relay services.

Local calls through a relay service from a pay telephone are free of charge.

* Text Telephone

Appendix P: Copy of Telephone Bill Inserts

August 1, 1988

Dear Customer:

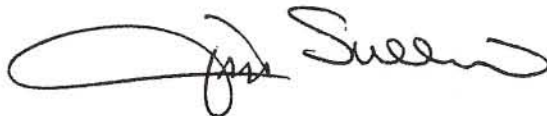
The Dual Party Relay System bill was passed by the Alabama Legislature and signed into law April 12. This law authorized the Alabama Public Service Commission to implement a telephone system in our State that would give hearing- and speech-impaired citizens use of the telephone on an equal basis with those without such impairments.

The bill further ordered that the system be funded by adding a small surcharge to the monthly bill of every telephone customer in our State. On June 9, the Alabama Public Service Commission set the amount of the surcharge at 20 cents per month. Your local telephone company will begin collecting the surcharge with the August billing.

The Dual Party Relay System will open the telephone lines to over 150,000 Alabamians with hearing and speech impairments, allowing them to communicate in a way that is often taken for granted by persons without such impairments.

With kindest regards,


ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Sullivan".

Jim Sullivan
President

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lynn Greer".

Lynn Greer
Commissioner

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles B. Martin".

Charles B. Martin
Commissioner



STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
P. O. BOX 991
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36101

JIM SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT
LYNN GREER, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER
CHARLES B. MARTIN, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

WALLACE TIDMORE
SECRETARY

February 15, 1989

ALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES IN ALABAMA

In accordance with the terms of the contract between AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. and the Alabama Public Service Commission for the provision of Dual-Party Relay Service, a bill insert jointly designed by both parties for distribution by the local exchange companies advertising and promoting this service at the time of the start of the service is to be prepared and sent to each local exchange company.

Dual-Party Relay Service will begin operation on February 27, 1989, and the attached bill insert should be distributed to each subscriber in the State in the next (March) billing cycle. The Commission appreciates each company's cooperation in the promotion of this new service which continues to keep the telecommunications industry in Alabama among the first in the nation.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Tomlin
Director, Telecommunications

GAT/lm

Attachment

ALABAMA RELAY CENTER OPENS

Effective February 27, the Alabama Relay Center began operations -- relaying telephone conversations between Alabama's hearing-impaired customers and customers with normal hearing. Deaf and hearing-impaired citizens are, for the first time ever, enjoying phone service comparable to that of hearing customers.

The relay center is a cooperative effort of the Alabama Public Service Commission, AT&T and the state's 33 local telephone companies, including South Central Bell.

To use the Alabama Relay Center, hearing persons can call toll-free, 1-800-548-2547. Hearing-impaired customers with TDDs can call toll-free, 1-800-548-2546.

This month, as part of the charge for local monthly service, your telephone company will resume collection of 20 cents per month to fund the relay center.

Appendix Q: Copies of Relay Newsletters

40th AAD Biennial Conference



What is 7-1-1?

7-1-1 is a telephone service that connects standard (voice) telephone users and users who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, and/or who have speech disabilities and use text telephones (TTY).

7-1-1 is easier to remember and use than traditional 800 relay numbers.

It creates more user-friendly access for less experienced relay users, including businesses and friends or family members of TTY users.

7-1-1 is not an emergency number and should not be confused with 9-1-1. However, if you use a TTY and cannot obtain emergency services on 9-1-1, you may call 7-1-1 and tell the Communications Assistant (CA) you have an emergency. The CA will then relay your call to the appropriate emergency service provider.

Dial 7-1-1 or use these toll free Alabama Relay numbers.

1-800-548-2546	1-800-548-2547	1-800-548-0259
TTY/ASCII	Voice	Voice Carry-Over

1-800-548-2928	1-800-548-8317	1-900-646-4323
Speech-to-Speech	Spanish (TTY/Voice)	900 Services

Sprint Relay Customer Service	Servicio al Cliente de Sprint Relay
1-800-676-3777	1-800-676-4290
TTY/Voice/ASCII	TTY Voz ASCII

Provided by



Sprint is offering these services effective March 1, 2004.



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SPRINT RELAY WIRELESS OPR 06/20/06
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please dial 208 996 1717 x1506 and
ask for frank carroll, thank you
to
SPRING 208-6-1717 x1506
FRANKING 1... 2...
OPR HELLO THIS IS FRANK GR

- ▶ Access **Sprint Relay Online™** from almost *anywhere* using your wireless device
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- ✓ Free download & install
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- ✓ Free service access
- ✓ Visual Call Status Cues
- ✓ Real-time access to text relay
- ✓ Instant Number Save
- ✓ Conversation Cnt & Page
- ✓ Recent call list
- ✓ Auto-display Conversation text
- ✓ Built-in "QuickText"
- ✓ Secure Relay Conversations
- ✓ Automatic Setup

Features may vary by device & network type



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5-8-4 emergency calls are not processed for Sprint Relay Wireless™. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1 directly, using a TTY or voice. Please provide attention and identification of your business.

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before his retirement
Everyone is welcome!**

Thanks to our BOOSTERS!

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Charlie Chappell	Marren
Kit Clements	Ricky Morgan
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Rann Gordon	Taylor
Myra Gordon	Danny Taylor
Amy Gordon	
Trey Gordon	

**Talladega Chapter/
Club of the Deaf**

Welcome all of you to our
biennial conference
At Auburn, Alabama!

Hope you all have a wonderful
weekend.
Meet old friends and make new
friends.

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June 2, 2005

Greetings:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome each of you to the 40th Biennial Conference of the Alabama Association of the Deaf (AAD).

This conference is an excellent opportunity for rehabilitation professionals, educators, health professionals, consumers, employment professionals, and hearing impaired individuals to discuss issues of concern. I am confident that the conference will prove to be beneficial for the future of the Alabama Association of the Deaf and its members.

I commend AAD for its ongoing efforts to provide critical services to deaf citizens. I also wish to thank the organizers, sponsors, and attendees for your efforts to organize and develop this remarkable event.

Again, welcome to Auburn as you celebrate eighty years of success. Best wishes for a successful, rewarding, and enjoyable conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Riley".

BR/sl/cbj



City of Auburn

Home of Auburn University

May 10, 2005

Alabama Association of the Deaf, Inc.
40th Biennial Convention
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure for me to extend greetings to you on behalf of all Auburn Citizens. The City of Auburn is delighted to be the site of the 40th Biennial Conference of the Alabama Association of the Deaf on June 2-4, 2005.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your eighty years of service and dedication to the hearing impaired of the State of Alabama. I understand that your theme for this year's conference is "Seeing the Future Through Deaf Eyes," and I wish you much success as you work to secure a better future and equal opportunities for all deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Alabama.

Auburn is a wonderful university city and I hope you will have some time to enjoy our hospitality during your stay. We have a growing, vibrant and diverse community where you will find a wide array of shops, restaurants, and leisure activities. I encourage you to come visit us again in the future.

If we at the City of Auburn can answer any questions for you or assist you in any way while you are here, please do not hesitate to stop by City Hall at the corner of Tichenor Avenue and Gay Street. Again, welcome to Auburn and War Eagle!

Sincerely,

Bill Ham, Jr.
Mayor

mcf



*MANY THANKS TO THE
INTERPRETERS!!!!*

Chairperson of Interpreting Services:

Ms. Dawn Marren

Ms. Wanda Cobb

Mr. Kristopher Hassanpour

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Ms. Dee Johnston

Ms. Belinda Montgomery

Ms. Frances Smallwood

Mr. Melvin Walker

**Welcome to the Birmingham Chapter
(BCAAD)**

**Meeting usually the first Saturday of the
month**

At 10:00 am

**In the parish hall of St. John's Church of
the Deaf**

3794 Crosshaven Drive at Overton Road

**Next meeting: Saturday, September 10
Election of officers**

***Everyone welcome:
We need more members!***

Alabama School for the Deaf Alumni Association



ASDAA Summer Picnic

Where: ASD campus in Talladega, AL

When: July 16, 2005

Time: 9:00a.m. until ???

Come One Come All!

Meet new and old friends!

**ASDAA Officers wish you
a wonderful and safe Summer!**

President Jerry Shaw

Vice-President Peggy Estes

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Greetings!

It is my honor, as president of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), to extend a warm welcome to all in attendance at the 2005 Alabama Association of the Deaf (AAD) conference. The theme for this year's conference, "Seeing the Future with Deaf Eyes", is especially appropriate. This demonstrates the commitment of AAD to promoting, preserving, and protecting the rights of its membership, with emphasis on deaf culture, language, and heritage.



AAD has much to celebrate, with its long and rich history of advocacy success on behalf of the deaf and hard of hearing community of Alabama. Its recent legislative and advocacy successes also demonstrate the dedication of AAD and its partners to working together toward common goals – for the greater good. We are appreciative of the valuable support that the AAD has given to the NAD on advocacy issues of national importance.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is still under threat. Several important pieces of federal legislation are up for reauthorization, for example, the Rehabilitation Act and the Telecommunications Act. The NAD looks to its State Association affiliates for support so that it can keep up the fight to protect the hard-earned civil and accessibility rights of deaf and hard of hearing Americans. With the help of the Fulton III Committee, the NAD is also re-examining its mission and structure so that it can more effectively tackle advocacy challenges that lay ahead.

In August of this year, the NAD reaches an important milestone – the 125th anniversary of its founding as the nation's oldest disability rights organization. Celebration activities include a National Gala this fall, with local, state, and national events in honor of the NAD and its 125th anniversary – these will continue until the 2006 NAD Conference in New Orleans. We invite AAD and its members to join the NAD in cherishing its past, celebrating its accomplishments, and committing to the future of all deaf and hard of hearing Americans!

Again, my best wishes on behalf of the NAD to every one of you for a highly successful AAD biennial conference!

Andrew J. Lange

Andrew J. Lange
President



Alabama Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Affiliated with National Association of the Deaf

Message from the President

Dear Conference Attendees:



It is indeed a pleasure to welcome to you to the Alabama Association of the Deaf's 40th biennial Conference. The theme of our conference, "Seeing The Future Through Deaf Eyes," is very fitting, after what has happened in the Deaf community in the last few years.

We had great exposure to the public through bringing Gallaudet University's exhibition, "History through Deaf Eyes" to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute last fall, under the great leadership of the Rev. Jay Croft. Many dignitaries came to Alabama and appreciated the wealth of resources we have to offer. It was one of our "smash hits," which put us on the map.

The AAD finally was able to get the state Public Service Commission to make a change in Relay service providers, and we are grateful for that. We are especially happy that Sprint has hired Ms. Evon Black, as full-time Account Manager for Alabama. And we're pleased that many AAD members enjoy the latest technology: the videophone.

Our lawsuit to improve services for Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons in need of mental health services has far-reaching effects. Mr. Steve Hamerdinger provides outstanding service to our citizens as director of the Department of Mental Health & Mental Retardation's Office of Deaf Services. The four Regional Coordinators and the Program Director of the new inpatient unit at Greil Psychiatric Hospital are all Deaf, as are many others providing mental health services.

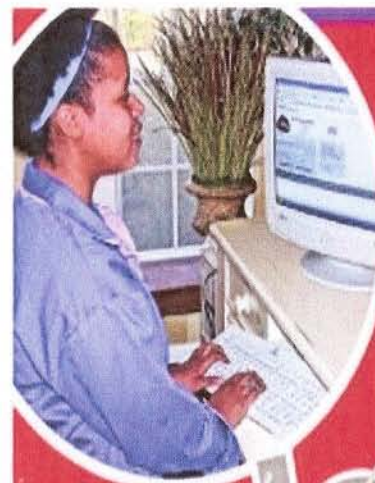
The passage of the American Sign Language as a Foreign Language has kept us on our toes. We fought sweat, blood and tears to move it through the House and the Senate as well.

We truly have much work ahead of us planning the future. Although we appreciate the successes of these past two years, we must re-vitalize and dedicate ourselves for the challenges of tomorrow. We need to remain guided in our mission to promote, protect, and preserve the rights and quality of life for Deaf and hard of hearing persons in Alabama.

Enjoy your conference, and share your learning and your experiences with others!

AADially yours,

Judith M. Gilliam



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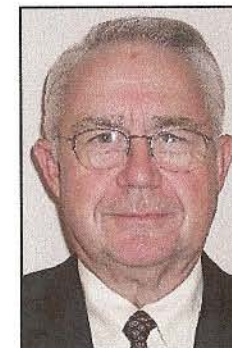


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Convention Site and Chairperson

	Year	Convention Site	Chairperson
October 4	1912	YMCA- Birmingham	
July 4-5	1913	YMCA- Birmingham	
July 4-5	1916	ASD- Talladega	
July 1-3	1920	City Auditorium- Montgomery	
July 6-8	1922	YMCA- Mobile	
July 23-26	1924	Chamber of Commerce- Birmingham	
July 20-23	1927	Chamber of Commerce- Birmingham	
September 1-3	1930	ASD- Talladega	
July 2-4	1936	YMCA- Mobile	D'Aray Wilson
September 8-10	1939	ASD- Talladega	
September 3-6	1948	Birmingham Club of the Deaf	
July 1-3	1950	Birmingham Club of the Deaf	
July 3-6	1952	ASD- Talladega	
July 3-4	1954	ASD- Talladega	
July 5-7	1956	Cawthon Hotel- Mobile	Ben King
July 3-5	1958	ASD- Talladega	
June 3-5	1960	ASD- Talladega	
August 2-4	1962	Thomas Jefferson Hotel- Birmingham	
June 13-15	1963	Whitley Hotel- Montgomery	
June 17-19	1965	Admiral Semmes Hotel- Mobile	Eugene Turk
	1967	Carriage Inn- Huntsville	Thomas Wheeler
	1969	ASD- Talladega	Charles Chappell
June 12-14	1971	Thomas Jefferson Hotel- Birmingham	
June 17-19	1973	Admiral Semmes Hotel- Mobile	Joseph Onderdonk
June 14-16	1975	Downtowner Motor Inn- Montgomery	Flora Garrett
	1977	Quality Inn- Birmingham	
June 13-16	1979	Carriage Inn- Huntsville	James Arthur
June 14-16	1981	Mobile Hilton- Mobile	Peggy Turk
June 18-20	1983	Lakepoint Resort- Eufaula	Benjie Estes
June 16-18	1985	Stratford Inn- Tuscaloosa	Kenneth Owens
June 20-22	1987	Gulf Shores State Park- Gulf Shores	Joseph Onderdonk
June 11-13	1989	Holiday Inn Park- Huntsville	Jean Walker
June 22-24	1991	ASD- Talladega	Myra Gordon
June 6-8	1993	Radisson Hotel- Birmingham	Gay McClendon
June 24-26	1995	Ramada Conference Center- Mobile	Jimmy Peterson
June 15-17	1997	Governor's House Hotel- Montgomery	Peggy Estes
June 19-21	1999	Holiday Inn- Oxford	Gloria Chappell
June 3-6	2001	Holiday Inn-Huntsville	Jerry Smith
June 21-23	2003	Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park	Gay McClendon
June 6-7	2005	The Hotel at Auburn University- Auburn	Myra Gordon
June 2-4			



Greetings from President of the Host Chapter

It has been a pleasure to host the 40th biennial conference in Auburn! On behalf of the members of the Talladega Chapter, we welcome you to the exciting conference.

I would like to thank the conference committees who have worked hard with me in preparing for this great conference.

Also, on behalf of the Talladega Chapter, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the great contribution by Sprint. We are fortunate to have Evon Black as our Accounts Manager here in Alabama.

You have our very best wishes for a successful meeting and we cordially wish you the best time interacting with people from different walks of life.

If you have any questions during your stay in Auburn, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

F. Buford Gilliam
President

June 2, 2005

Greetings from Talladega Chapter/Club of AAD



WELCOME!! As 2005 AAD Conference Chairperson, and on behalf of the members of Talladega Chapter/Club of the Deaf, it is my honor and privilege to invite you all to our 40th Biennial AAD Conference. We are proud to be your host chapter of this special occasion. We have worked very hard to make this one the best one ever!

We trust you'll find the city of Auburn fascinating! Come and enjoy your stay at Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center. The hotel is beautiful and all the facilities we need for workshops, pageant, meetings, and banquet are right there, under one roof! The food they prepare is all homemade and superb!

What makes this AAD conference so special this year is the number 40....WOW, what a milestone! Alabama "Deafies", families, and friends have been meeting and socializing at this very important occasion every two years for the total of 80 years!! Please join us on this very special anniversary!

The theme of this conference is "Seeing the Future Through Deaf Eyes." This is an excellent one! We must keep going, doing the best we can for all Deaf Alabamians. Come and socialize with old and new friends, to learn new and exciting deaf issues, to share new ideas and old news, and most of all, to reminisce all those years you have been as members of AAD!!

Before I close, I wish to thank all members of Talladega Chapter who have helped in all aspects in making this conference a successful one! Their hard, dedicated work to get this up and running is very much appreciated. I also wish to thank my assistant chairperson, Kayleen Pugh, for her tireless support and for being my "secretary" at countless TC/CD meetings we have had up to the conference. Finally, I wish to thank Rann, Amy, and Trey for their love, patience, and for being there through it all. Thank you.

Happy 40th Biennial Anniversary to you all!

Myra M. Gordon
2005 AAD Conference Chairperson



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- Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
- The Junior League of Montgomery
- Jacksonville State University
- Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind
- Alabama SPRINT Relay
- Joe Capilouto
- Lewis Easterly

Alabama School for the Deaf *Investing in Life*

At the Alabama School for the Deaf, we teach history and geography, mathematics, literature and science.

These are not enough.

Our ultimate goal is to open the world to each deaf child. Understanding language is only a beginning; our students must also learn what the world expects socially, how to live independently, how to locate and use the resources they will need all their lives.

To accomplish so much we use every means at our disposal: American Sign Language, auditory training, speech therapy, speech reading, computers, the 24 hours in a day, and lots of love. We create a language-rich environment, where deaf children are part of a community of children just like them, in an atmosphere of acceptance and full participation.

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Teresa Reid, parent



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29th Girls' Mason-Dixon Tournament



Welcome

To the home of the Lady Warriors

Alabama School for the Deaf
Talladega, Alabama

January 26-28, 2006



2005 Committees and chairpersons:

Banquet - Rosemary Harry

MDAP Pageant - Tammie Kelley

Program Book - Shannon Reese/

Kim Moon

Door Prizes/Gimmicks - Gloria

Chappell

Entertainment - David

Niemuth/Rann Gordon

Refreshments - Lyn Woolmaker

Interpreting Services - Dawn Marren

Workshops - Sandy Scott

Conference Agenda - Becky

Taylor/Judith Gilliam

Exhibits/Vendors/Ads - Ray Boland

Registration - Charlie Chappell/

Phillip Magouirk

Powerpoint Presentation - Kayleen

Pugh

TC/CD and Conference

Treasurer - Butch Roebuck

	Thursday June 2	Friday June 3	Saturday June 4
8:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.		Opening Remarks Keynote Address: Frank Turk Auditorium	Workshops Meeting Room D- Chris Wagner Meeting Room E-Bob Mather Meeting Room F-Libby Pollard Meeting Room G-Reese/Giancola
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.		Break	Break
10:00 – 11:30 am	COSDA Business Meeting/Award Presentation (11:00 am)	Workshops Meeting Room E –Reese/ Giancola Meeting Room F-Bob Mather	Workshops Meeting Room D-Chris Wagner Meeting Room E - Frank Turk Meeting Room F-Libby Pollard Meeting Room G- Sue Mather
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	COSDA Luncheon	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-2:30 p.m.		Forum: Common Grounds: Seeing The Future Though Deaf Eyes - Auditorium	AAD Business Meeting Auditorium
			AAD Business Meeting
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.		Break	Break
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.		Workshops Meeting Room E-Frank Turk Meeting Room F-Sue Mather	Continued as needed Fulton III Report by NAD Rep. (tentative) Auditorium
4:30 – 7 p.m.		Dinner on Your Own	
7:00 p.m.	AAD EB Board Meeting Meeting Room A	Entertainment “CJ” One Man Show Evon Black/Tyler Banks Auditorium	Entertainment/Awards Banquet Manny Hernandez, Entertainer Ballroom A
9:30 p.m.	Social	Social	Social

Frank Turk – Community Service
Sue Mather – Deaf Culture
Bob Mather – ADA Issues
Libby Pollard – Parliamentary Process
Chris Wagner – Association Growth
Shannon Reese/Christine Giancola – Domestic Violence/Mental Health

Mobile Chapter
Alabama Association of the Deaf
Congratulations and Best Wishes for
a successful AAD conference
at Auburn.

Mobile Chapter will have summer
Activities each month. Please come
and join us. For more INFO contact
Fundraising Director –
Nancy Thomas
251-645-6054 and email

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Angel Gonzalez	Marynell Peterson	Nancy Thomas
Ben Hollingsworth	Velton Peterson	Fred Waldrup
Harriett Hollingsworth	Yolanda Plakecy	Sara Waldrup
Eugene Jordan	Cathy Ransom	Shawn Whiting

the world. He has also appeared on the Broadway stage, in television, video, and on the big screen. Having experienced what he calls the "double whammy" of being an actor who is both deaf and black, CJ vigorously spreads the message to students that being *different* does not mean being *less* worthwhile. He currently lives with his wife, Cassandra Dawn, in Los Angeles, California. He will be providing entertainment on June 3, 2005.



9) Evon Black performs widely for deaf and hearing people throughout the United States in American Sign Language with a voice interpreter. When she performs, she uses stories from her past that leaves the audience smiling and laughing. She is also a member and assistant director of "I Didn't Hear that Color" Touring Company.. Evon will be the Mistress of Ceremonies for Friday night's entertainment.



10) Manny Hernandez is one of the most well known storytellers of our time. He is a Brooklyn native and graduated from Lexington School for the Deaf in 1986. Manny earned his Master's Degree in Teaching of ASL as a Foreign Language at Columbia University. He received his BA in Deaf Studies at Gallaudet University. Manny also taught ASL at Oceanside High

School in New York. He currently resides in Washington, D.C. with his newly wedded wife. He teaches ASL at public schools in Metro D.C. Manny, a Deaf actor, has been performing professionally for several years. He draws on the pulse of the audience to guide him to the stories to tell. His stories are as varied as live and sweaty sports, opera and the Mafia. His vignettes include 3D slow motion body gestures, animated facial expression and sign. Manny's delivery creates characters that come alive as we watch, engaging his audiences on many humorous, emotional and intellectual levels. He will perform at the banquet on Saturday night, June 4, 2005.

2005 AAD Conference Presenters/Entertainers



1) Frank Turk, a workshop presenter and a keynote speaker, is a well-known advocate for Deaf people and very much loved by the Deaf community throughout the United States. Frank is currently residing in South Dakota and very much involved in the Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) as an organizational & community relations officer. He will present about the importance of community service and also share the information about CSD. Deaf folks in Alabama are excited about having him as one of the presenters.



2) Sue Mather is a professor in the ASL Linguistics Department at Gallaudet University. She has a MA in linguistics and a PhD in sociolinguistics. In her workshop, she will be sharing interesting facts about Deaf culture. She came to Alabama several times to reach ASL Linguistics at Alabama School for the Deaf. Without a doubt, our sense of pride will be enlightened after attending her workshop.



3) Robert Mather is an employee at U. S. Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. He travels all over the country to educate people about civil and disability rights. His workshop will promote our awareness of legal issues such as ADA.



4) Libby Pollard is a political leader in the Deaf community and has been an active member of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) for many years. Parliamentarian is one of her many roles in the Deaf community. She was also very active in Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf (PSAD), a state organization in PA like AAD. The members of Alabama Association of the Deaf are excited to have her teach parliamentary process to make their meetings go efficiently and smoothly.

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6) Christine Giancola is well known for her work in domestic violence and as a victim advocate in Florida. After graduation with an MA in 2001, she decided to move South where it's warmer, and got a job working as a Victim Advocate in Jacksonville, Florida, where she provided advocacy and services for deaf victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. She was also heavily

involved in the community giving presentations to police officers, hospital workers, lawyers, and other victim advocates on how to work with deaf victims. Christine attended the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York, where she received her BA in Social Work and Master's in Human Resources Development.



7) Shannon Reese is the Regional Coordinator of Deaf Services for Region II under the Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation. Shannon has had varied experiences working with deaf and hard of hearing clients in a mental health setting, and currently holds certification as a National Certified Counselor. Shannon received her B.A. in psychology from the University of Georgia and her M.A. in Mental Health Counseling from Gallaudet University. She has been a driving force in the establish-

ment of the mental health program for Deaf and Hard-Hearing for Region II in Birmingham, and that area has grown from 0 to 3 group homes, for deaf/mentally ill clients.



8) Chris Johnson is known primarily as a comedian, actor, producer, director, and motivational keynote speaker and can rightly add educator and advocate to his credits. He heads Hands Across Communication, which works to improve the skills of mainstreamed Deaf students; and he founded Sign World TV to help broaden the opportunities for Deaf people in entertainment. He is currently editing two new documentary film projects called "The Other Side - South Africa" and "The Other Side - Japan." His goal is to travel and produce

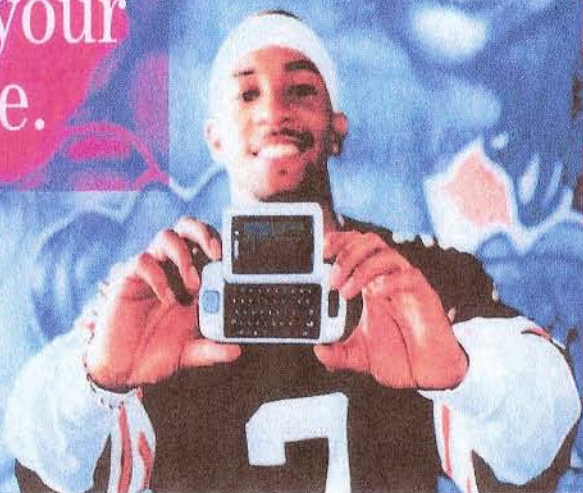
documentary films on the deaf culture around the world. When he is not pursuing those goals, he takes his one-man show on the road! For more than 25 years, CJ has brought his one-man show to Deaf and hearing schools, events, and universities across the country and around

1977	Thomas Wheeler	Olen Tate	Judith Gilliam	Charles Chappell
1979	Brack Gilliam	Carol Hall	Judith Gilliam	Charles Chappell
1981	Brack Gilliam	Judith Gilliam	Benjamin Estes	Charles Chappell
1983	Rann Gordon	Olen Tate	Judith Gilliam	Charles Chappell
1985	James Arthur	Olen Tate	Lillie Ruth Smith	Charles Chappell
1987	James Arthur	Olen Tate	Lillie Ruth Smith	Charles Chappell Rann Gordon
1989	James Arthur	Judith Gilliam	Lillie Ruth Smith	Charles Chappell Rann Gordon
1991	Judith Gilliam	James Arthur	Lois Robinson	Charles Chappell Rann Gordon
1993	James Arthur	Jimmy L. Peterson	Lois Robinson	Rann Gordon
1995	Jimmy L. Peterson	Bill Estes	Jerry Stilwell Amy Peterson	Rann Gordon
1997	Thomas Wheeler	Charlie Chappell	Carol Hall Amy Peterson	Rann Gordon
1999	Jimmy Peterson	Judith Gilliam	Peggy Estes Barbara Howard	Rann Gordon
2001	Jimmy Peterson Judith Gilliam	Jay Croft	Lois Robinson	Rann Gordon
2003	Judith Gilliam	Jay Croft	Lois Robinson	Rann Gordon
2005	Judith Gilliam	Michael Deuel	Shawn Whiting	Rann Gordon

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1939	Rev. R.C. Fletcher	H.T. Hofsteater Darcy Wilson	Matt A. Horn	Joseph F. Brocato
1948	Olen Tate	John G. Chunn Willie F. Grace	Matt A. Horn	Wright Gilchrist
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1956	Sam B. Rittenberg	Eugene Turk Gladys Horn	Matt A. Horn	Harry Walker
1958	Sam B. Rittenberg	Eugene Turk	Matt A. Horn	Clarence Clark
1960	Sam B. Rittenberg	Charles Thorn	Cinderella York	Charles Chappell
1962	Sam B. Rittenberg	Edward Godsey	Flora Garrett	Charles Chappell
1963	Edward Godsey Gertrude Bredahl	Gertrude Bredahl Sam B. Rittenberg	Curtis Rodgers Flora Garrett	Charles Chappell
1965	Olen Tate	Kenneth Holland	Cinderella Sinclair	Franklin Rushing
1967	Charles C. Estes	Sam R. Rittenberg	Robert Cunningham	Franklin Rushing
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1975	Houston Dutton	James Bice Sam B. Rittenberg	Flora Garrett	Charles Chappell

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OUR NEW WEBSITE
WWW.ALDEAF.ORG**

Add "mobile"
to your
title.



Congratulations.
It's a mini promotion.

As a Deaf and Hard of Hearing member, you can take advantage of these special discounts:

Select this great promotion with a new T-Mobile activation:

Sidekick II for only \$149.99 after mail-in rebate, regularly priced at \$299.99

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License To Sign

YOU STILL HAVE TIME

*March 1, 2005 through out February 28, 2006 sign up for your
"American Sign Language" car tag TODAY!*

JCCD must get at least 250 people to "sign up" before February 28, 2006

WHAT DO I DO?

1. Go to your local county probate office before February 28, 2006 & complete a "Commitment to Purchase" application & pay \$50
2. Continue to use your current, valid Alabama car tag
3. With 250 people signed up, after February 28, 2006, the decals will be made for the tags
4. JCCD will contact you with an expected date of arrival for your county
5. Once they are available at your county office you must go there and present your original Commitment to Purchase form and the county receipt showing that you prepaid the \$50
6. You will now have your: License To Sign!!!

All funds will be utilized to promote Deaf awareness and sign language education and training. Out of the \$50 contribution, \$41 will come directly to JCCD. Please support this effort to promote awareness of American Sign Language and Deaf awareness!

**If we do not make the goal by February 28, 2006, you will be notified & your money refunded if requested*

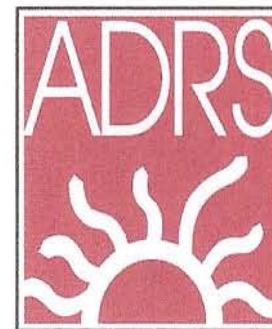
**Continue to pay your normal car tag fees*

**The American Sign Language tag & \$50 is renewable each year with your Alabama car tag*

Best Wishes
to the
Talladega Chapter of AAD
For a great conference at
Auburn, AL
from
the Huntsville Chapter of AAD!

Alabama Department of REHABILITATION SERVICES

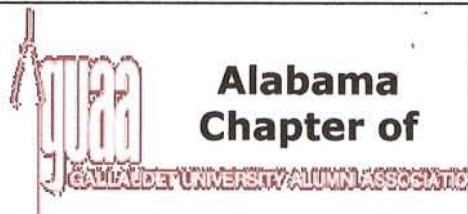
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Catch a Wave!
Wishing A.A.D
and T.C.C.D
good luck at the
convention!



Best Wishes to the
Talladega Chapter of
AAD 2005 Conference
from:

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— Once a month fellowship and lunch together —



COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS SERVING DEAF ALABAMIANS
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COSDA

is proud to support the
**Alabama Association of the Deaf
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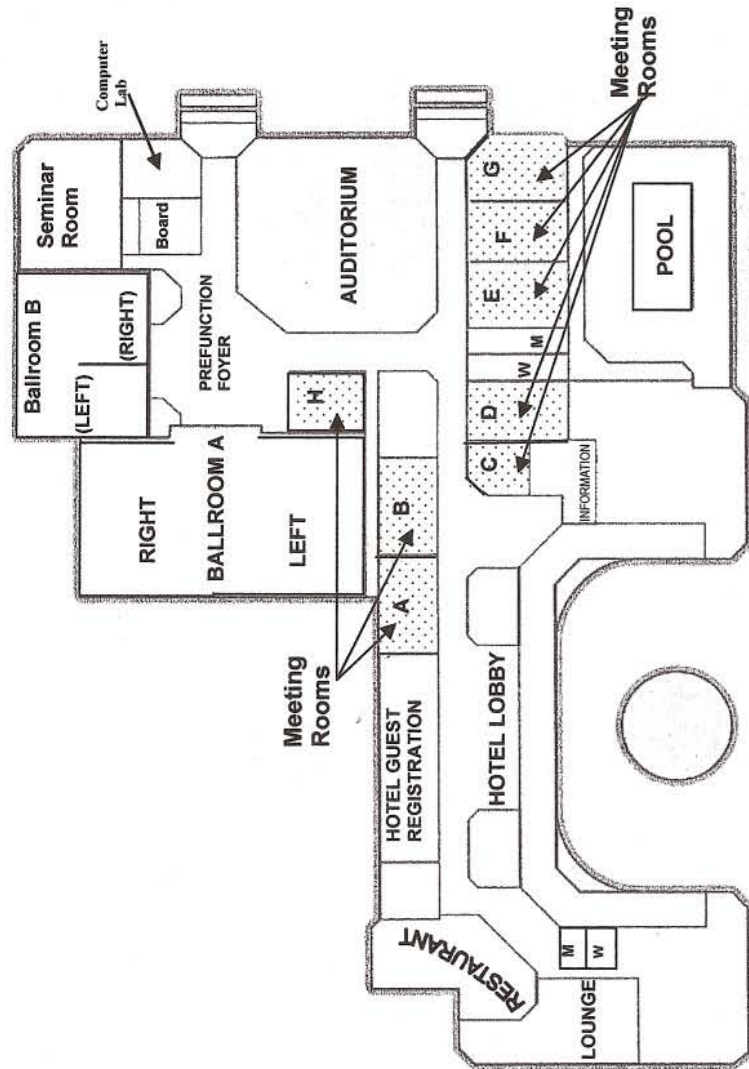


What is COSDA?

COSDA is a consortium of Alabama agencies and organizations whose mission is service to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing; or programs with broader missions that have an identifiable, significant component of service to deaf and/or hard of hearing individuals.

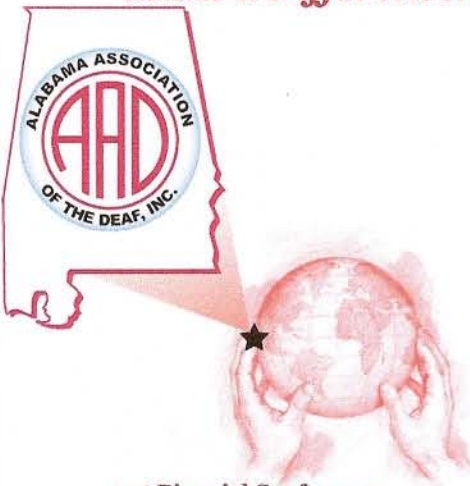
The Goals of COSDA are to...

- Provide a communicative network among member organizations
- Establish a list of prioritized goals for concerted actions
- Host an annual conference on Deafness
- Recognize individuals or agencies performing outstanding service to deaf or hard of hearing persons



**Map of the Auburn University and Dixon
Conference Center Facilities**

**"Embrace the Future:
Make a Difference!"**



**41st Biennial Conference
Hilton Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama
June 14-17, 2007**

For more information on registration, please contact Florence Vance at fvance@rehab.state.al.us or write her at:
Florence Vance, ADRS
#4 Medical Office Park
Talladega, AL 35160
For additional information about AAD conference, please contact Shannon Reese at fitdeaf@aol.com

Combo Tickets	Membership with 2 years' fee included
Early Bird Special Deadline: December 1, 2006	\$105
Deadline: January 31, 2007	\$120
Deadline: May 1, 2007	\$140
At the Door	\$150 with no banquet

Combo includes:

- Registration Fee
- Membership Fee
- Workshops
- Snacks/Breakfasts
- Banquet/Entertainment
- Miss Deaf Alabama Pageant

Hotel Information:

Room Type:

- King (\$89.00 Rate + tax)
- Double/Double (\$89.00 Rate + tax)

***Guest Room Block will be held until May 14, 2007**

Reservations can be made by the following:

1) Using the provided link:

www.hilton.com

2) Call 1-800-hiltons and make sure that you state that you are with the Alabama Association of the Deaf in order to receive the discounted group rate. **The group code is AAD.**

Phone number of hotel is 205-967-2700 and the fax number is 205-972-8603.

ALL TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!



WHAT? Sprint Nextel/Alabama Relay is sponsoring an event with Alabama Institute of Deaf and Blind (AIDB), Alabama Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation Office of Deaf Services (ODS), Alabama Association of the Deaf (AAD), and Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) to bring you important information and resources on how to access their services along with other centers.

WHERE? There will be booths and refreshments held at each AIDB Regional Center/ JCCD from 1 pm to 4 pm then afterwards, there's a open-captioned movie you can see for **FREE** starting at 7 pm. The movie is **"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"** so come join us and bring your family and friends! It is sure to be a **TREAT!**

WHEN? Look at each site and see which one you can attend!

Sunday, November 6th

Mobile: AIDB Regional Center 1 pm to 4 pm, movie at 7 pm
Wynnsong 16
785 Schillinger Road, South
Mobile, AL

Monday, November 7th

Montgomery: JCCD 1 pm to 4 pm, movie at 7 pm
Wynnsong 10
3975 Eastern Blvd
Montgomery, AL

Tuesday, November 8th

Birmingham: AIDB Regional Center 1 pm to 4 pm, movie at 7 pm
Summit 16
321 Summit Blvd
Birmingham, AL

Wednesday, November 9th

Huntsville: AIDB Regional Center 1 pm to 4 pm, movie at 7 pm
Carmike 10
1359 Old Monrovia Road
Huntsville, AL

Thursday, November 10th

Talladega: AIDB Regional Center 1 pm to 4 pm, movie at 7 pm
Martin Triple Theatre
65220 HWY 77 Northgate Shopping Center
Talladega, AL

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Ms. Evon Black, Sprint Account Manager, Evon.J.Black@sprint.com or Shannon Reese, sreese@jbsmha.com



**MISS DEAF ALABAMA
PAGEANT**

November 11, 2005
Alabama School for the Deaf
Auditorium

There will be a silent auction
starting at 6 pm so bring plenty
of money!

The pageant will start at 7 pm
so be prepared to get dazzled
by our lovely contestants!

Admission is \$7 dollars and \$1
for ASD student or child

Any questions, contact Ms.
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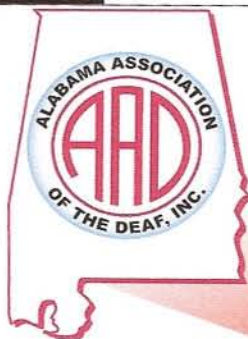
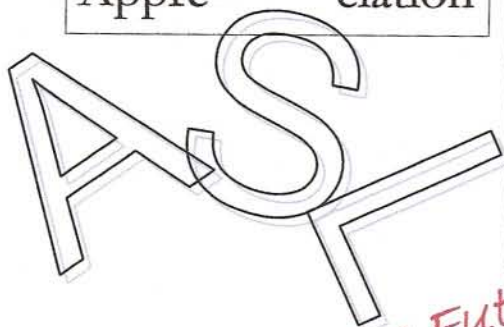
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June 2-4, 2005

"Seeing the Future Through Deaf Eyes"

40th Biennial Conference of Alabama Association of the Deaf

ASL Legislative
Appreciation



June 14-17, 2007
Birmingham, Alabama
Hilton Hotel at
Perimeter Park

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Embrace the Future: Make a Difference!



An Evening With Vikee

A Benefit for the "Friends of the Bailey Deaf Unit"

Friday, May 5th

7:00 PM



**Miss Deaf
Alabama**



**Countdown!
Only 6 Months
until 2007 AAD
Conference!**



Editor's Corner

~ Shannon Reese

By now, I'm sure you are wondering what the front cover means! I decided to put together all the headlines that I did for the *Deaf Alabamian* from the past 3 years. It's interesting to see how times have changed for the better—we have seen a major exhibit "History Through Deaf Eyes" brought to Alabama, which put Alabama on the map in Deaf World—then we saw the 40th biennial conference occur in Auburn, AL with great success. The ASL Bill was passed with much support from AAD and its members. As a result, it is now a foreign language option in all high schools and colleges in the state of Alabama. All of this means great things for us *and* for the hearing community. The 41st biennial conference is coming in a few weeks and it will be a great success too!

This issue of the *Deaf Alabamian* is a special one for me. It is my last one as newsletter editor/publicity director for AAD. I have enjoyed being editor; I have learned something from each issue I have done. In addition, I have met new people in the deaf and hard of hearing communities. You all have taught me one thing—always support each other—no matter what. That is what keeps AAD going—and what keeps it strong and steady. I'm proud to be a member of AAD and will continue to be a member for years to come.

Embrace the Future: Make a Difference—all of you have the opportunity to make a difference! You allowed me to make a difference through newsletters and in my position as publicity director. You let me create a website where more information can be accessible to the world. Special thanks go to Matt Kochie for maintaining the site with updates and for putting up with my constant emails asking him to do this and that. He is a very patient person! So thanks, Matt!

Please embrace the future—let it lead you to where you want to go—allowing **you** to make a difference as you go!

One of my favorite quotes is

"Don't fear change, embrace it"

~Anthony J. D'Angelo



Don't be afraid of changes because if you are, changes won't happen. Go out there and do something good for someone who needs it. Pass on good deeds...practice random acts of kindness!

I will be around, and this is not goodbye...but rather **see you around!** Feel free to drop me a line anytime...

Signing off...

~Shannon

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Talladega Club/Chapter's NEW HOME BASE!



Talladega Club/Chapter of the Deaf is proud to announce that they have a new home base on 1200 Ft. Lashley Ave. (Across the street from E.H. Gentry Trade School). They will be open during ASD's homecoming event on October 20, 2007 and all of ASD's home games and other events. Rooms can be reserved for special occasions such as class reunions, parties, etc. Details will be given later. For further information, contact Buford Gilliam, President, at fbgilliam@charter.net; Charlie Chappell, Vice President, chargo@charter.net; Al Deuel, secretary, adeuel@tmail.com; Butch Roebuck, Treasurer, groebuck@charter.net

From the desk of President Judith M. Gilliam

Our 41st biennial conference is fast approaching! We are ready to entertain you with a fantastic line of presenters, workshops and entertainment! If you have not purchased your combination ticket, it is not too late. The price remains the same until end of May.

The Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and Translators has found a new home and it is a place to be proud of. Melvin Walker has agreed to serve as the Chair and we had our first meeting at the new home on Friday, April 27th. It has really made a huge difference having an administrator. License/permit holders can renew on line and we are elated to learn that approximately 75% have done this! The association is pleased to announce that Kathleen known as Ryan (Peavy) Marcopulos from Mobile has been appointed by the Governor to replace Dru Sweatman whose term expired December 2006. Thank you, Dru, for representing us since its inception.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) Deaf Advisory Committee met on April 19th with the representatives from the University of Arkansas Research Center. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have had "Town Hall"

meetings in Huntsville, Birmingham, Talladega, Montgomery and Mobile. We look forward to a compiled report from the representatives collected from the town hall meetings.

The Association hosted a preview of the documentary film, "Through Deaf Eyes" in Talladega and it was impressive. Some of us were able to watch it in full length when it was first aired on March 21st. Special appreciation goes to E. H. Gentry Technical Facility, AIDB Regional Center-Talladega and Alabama School for the Deaf for their support for the event.

The Interpreter Training Program is moving along slowly. We are seeking \$500,000 from the Education Trust Fund. Recently, various stakeholders, Dr. Mabrey Whetstone from the State Department of Education, Dr. Terry Graham from the Alabama Institute for Deaf & Blind, Mr. Shivers from the Department of Rehabilitation Services, Mr. Houston from the Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Ms. McLean from the Alabama Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and I met. We agreed that we all would have one representative from each agency to serve on the Request for Proposal committee. The committee will review all proposals submitted and choose the best program.

Stay tuned,

~Judith~



DESCRIBED and CAPTIONED MEDIA PROGRAM

As you might already be aware, the Captioned Media Program (CMP) has become the Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP). The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) has administered the CMP since 1991, and the NAD is proud to have been selected to administer the grant to operate the DCMP (see <http://www.dcmp.org/caai/nadh180.pdf>).

Along with the change in name, there will also be many program changes, especially to the free-loan media service. We at the DCMP wanted to make you aware of the changes and to describe how they will affect your use of the program.

First, beginning April 1, 2007, free-loan media services are only available to K-12 schools (including home schools) and school professionals, and are no longer available to postsecondary teachers, adults, senior citizens, and other nonschool individuals. IN addition, families of qualifying students in K-12 settings remain eligible for the free-loan program, along with interpreters and others serving in K-12 academic settings. You will soon receive another communication from us asking you to verify your continued eligibility for loan services. Clients who no longer qualify for loan services will still be able to use the Web site to find captioned media available for purchase, learn more about captioning, and find other information.

Second, effective on April 1, 2007, the old CMP library that

served you will no longer be in operation. All media will be mailed from a centralized DCMP library in Oklahoma. This library is called the National Accessible Learning Center (NALC) (see <http://www.dcmp.org/caai/nadh182.pdf>), and the NALC will mail items to you.

Third, the DCMP will begin exclusively circulating DVD copies from the NALC on April 1, 2007. Video copies will no longer be available. We've been working hard to convert video titles to DVD, and we are excited about the move to this newer, preferred format. Remember that many titles are streamed on our Web site, and we will be announcing other new ways you will be able to use DCMP captioned media through the Internet.

Fourth, the DCMP media collection will now contain described media for blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind students. These media items will offer description of visual elements (pictures, charts etc.), just as captioning provides visual representation of audio elements.

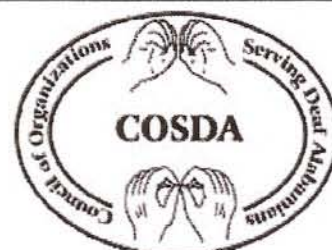
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to serving you in different ways and to the benefits these changes will bring to the students we serve across the United States.

Thanks!

DCMP Client Services



COSDA AWARDS LUNCHEON
Hilton Birmingham Perimeter
Park
Thursday, June 14, 2007
12 Noon



Sliced Roast Beef served with Mashed Potatoes

or

Lemon Basil Chicken served with Yellow Rice

Farmer's Market Vegetables

Caesar Salad

Warm Rolls with Butter

Red Velvet Cake or Key Lime Pie

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Iced Tea

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Your Preference of the Main Course (please check one):

_____ Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes

_____ Lemon Basil Chicken with yellow Rice

*\$40.00 per person

***NOTE: Deadline – June 5, 2007**

Make check(s) payable to: COSDA

Mail the check(s) and this registration form to: Rann Gordon

1301 Campbell Lane

Talladega, AL 35160

**Any questions? Please email/contact Mr. Gordon at gordon.rann@aidb.state.al.us



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AAD 41st Biennial Conference June 14-17, 2007

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Number of Tickets:	
Total amount enclosed:	

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COMBO TICKETS:

Deadline: May 31, 2007	\$120
At the Door	\$150 with no banquet

Make checks or money orders payable to:

2007 AAD Conference

Mail the check and
 registration form to:

Harvey Brasher, 2007 AAD Conference Treasurer
 P.O. Box 35
 Chelsea, AL 35043

ALL TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!

**For additional
 information about AAD conference,
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 Shannon Reese at
fitdeaf@aol.com**

COMBO INCLUDES:

- Registration Fee
- Workshops
- Snacks
- Banquet
- Entertainment
- 2-year AAD

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park

8 Perimeter Park South

Birmingham, AL 35243

Phone: 1-205-967-2700

Fax: 1-205-972-8603

Room Type:

- King (\$89.00 Rate + tax)
- Double/Double (\$89.00 Rate + tax)

Contact Shannon Reese for more information on getting a room at this rate: fitdeaf@aol.com

Miss Deaf Alabama Pageant



Where: Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park
8 Perimeter Park South
Birmingham, AL 35243

Date: Friday, June 15, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$20.00 per adult (at door \$25.00)
\$5.00 per child

**Come and support the
Miss Deaf Alabama Pageant**

**Silent Auction will begin at
6:00 PM so bring your money!**

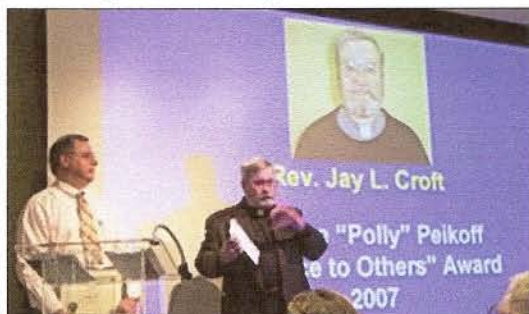
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Gallaudet's Charter in 1864. Every year, Gallaudet University celebrates this special day by honoring a diverse group's accomplishments and milestones. Our very own Rev. Jay L. Croft was awarded the Pauline "Polly" Peikoff



"Service to Others" Award!

GUAA Pauline "Polly" Peikoff "Service to Others" Award

is presented to an individual, hearing or deaf, from within the deaf community who has contributed of himself or herself, especially as a volunteer, to the community. We are so proud of Rev. Jay Croft for all of his work prior to his coming and here in Alabama. Thank you, Rev. Jay Croft!



GUAA President Andy Lange with Rev. Jay L. Croft

Here's a part of his citation: As a result of his affiliation with the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, a museum and educational facility, it became one of the first cultural institutions in the city to offer closed captioning on the video presentations.

Although, he undertook numerous projects, the one with the "History Through Deaf Eyes" exhibition in Birmingham, Alabama brought his work to our attention. He fostered alliances with multiple groups, donors, and institutions to bring the exhibit to Alabama. It was one of the most profound installations for the exhibition, and one that continues to inspire collaboration.

In appreciation of his dedication and extensive contribution to the various constituencies within the Deaf and hard of hearing community, the Gallaudet University Alumni Association is honored and pleased to present the Pauline "Polly" Peikoff "Service to Others" Award to JAY L. CROFT.

More can be found at <http://www.gallaudet.edu/x3904.xml>

"Through Deaf Eyes," is a two-hour PBS documentary exploring nearly 200 years of Deaf life in America.

Created by Lawrence Hott and Diane Garey, the HDTV program aligns the broad sweep of U.S. history with the experiences of Deaf people, showing how major social, economic, and technological shifts in America have changed Deaf lives. It is propelled by the stories of people both eminent and ordinary and conveys a broad range of perspectives on what it means to be deaf. Narrated by Stockard Channing, the film presents the story of Deaf life in America - a story of conflicts, prejudice and affirmation that reaches the heart of what it means to be human. A Deaf cinematic lens is brought to the documentary by six contributing filmmakers: Wayne Betts, Jr., Kimby Caplan, Arthur Luhn, Adrean Mangiardi, Tracey Salaway, and Rene Visco.

"Through Deaf Eyes" is a production of WETA Washington, D.C. and Florentine Films/Hott Productions, Inc. in association with Gallaudet University. Major funding for the documentary was provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, PBS, The Annenberg Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional funding was provided by Sign Language Associates, and Richard and Gail Elden.

Gallaudet University Press is publishing a companion book, *Through DEAF EYES: A Photographic History of an American Community* by Douglas C. Baynton, Jack R. Gannon, and Jean Lindquist Bergey.

The book can be purchased via [Gallaudet University Press. http://gupress.gallaudet.edu/bookpage/ThroughDeafEyesbookpage.html](http://gupress.gallaudet.edu/bookpage/ThroughDeafEyesbookpage.html)

DVDs of the documentary are available at Shop PBS:

[DVD] <http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=2608158>

[VHS] <http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=2608160>



Postsecondary Education Programs Network

Introducing *PEPNet-South*! Formerly known as PEC (Postsecondary Education Consortium) the new model offers some exciting changes. In the past, the PEPNet Southern region had a part-time outreach specialist in each state housed in a SOTAC (State Outreach and Technical Assistance Center). The new model incorporates multi-state cluster led by a full-time outreach specialist. There are a total of five multi-state clusters that house outreach sites in our region:

University Of Arkansas At Little Rock will cover Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi
 Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge will be covering Louisiana and Texas
 Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond will cover Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia
 Clemson University in Clemson, SC will cover South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, and
 Georgia Perimeter College in Clarkston will cover Georgia and Florida

PEPNet-South is a member of the Postsecondary Education Programs Network and one of four regional centers that assist secondary and postsecondary institutions in more effectively addressing the transition, postsecondary, vocational, technical, continuing, and adult education needs of individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, and deaf-blind.

PEPNet-South objectives include:

- Offering professional development opportunities for secondary, postsecondary, vocational, and adult education professionals and support staff regarding transition and postsecondary educational services for students who are deaf.
- Establishing a technical assistance network with the target groups.
- Demonstrating how technology can be used to provide access to and accommodations within programs for individuals who are deaf.

Which results in:

Students who are deaf will have a broader range of postsecondary education and training opportunities with support from professionals who have a greater understanding and ability to provide appropriate accommodations and services.

NEW PEPNET-SOUTH OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Amy Hebert has been hired as the Outreach Specialist for Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi. She started in February and has hit the ground running.

Amy received her Master's degree in Deafness Rehabilitation from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, and her bachelor's degree in Interpreting from the UALR Interpreter Education Program. Her background includes wide range of experiences such as: Educational Interpreting, Community Interpreting, and VR Counselor for the Deaf. Prior to joining the PEPNet family, Amy worked as a Research Associate with the University of Arkansas Research and Training Center for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RT-31) assisting on several federally funded research projects.

A Word from Amy Hebert

I'm thrilled to be able to serve Alabama as one of my states and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Please give me a call or send an e-mail if you have any workshop needs or questions and concerns. I would be happy to provide training or conduct a workshop or activity in your area.

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**Birmingham Zoo
American Sign Language
Summer Camp 2007**

This special half-day camp will be taught July 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th for 4K to 4th Graders. Campers wanting to learn sign language or who already know sign language will enjoy this camp. The teacher, Dee, can hear and is a natural signer (her parents are deaf) and grew up using both sign language and speaking. For more information see the back of this flier or contact Carey Snyder at (205) 879-0409 ext. 223 or csnyder@birminghamzoo.com.

Attached is some information about the Sign Language Camp I will be teaching at the Bham Zoo this summer. The information is from the Zoo's website (www.birminghamzoo.com). The camps will be July 2, 3, 5, and 6. If you have any questions about the camp itself, let me know. If you have any questions about the **registration process**, contact **Carey Snyder** at 205-879-0409 Ext. 223 or csnyder@birminghamzoo.com. Please pass this along to anyone with children who might be interested. This is for Hearing and Deaf kids, signers and non-signers.

By the way, I'm looking for a Deaf person (preferably a teacher) to team with me. It's volunteering, though, so no money involved. If you are interested, let me know!

Dee Johnston, Johnston.dee@aidb.state.al.us

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Knowledge is limited.

Imagination encircles the world.

~Albert Einstein

A Word from Cindy Camp (former outreach specialist)

I am excited about the new possibilities that PEPNet-South will bring to the state of Alabama. I am also excited to introduce Amy Hebert as our new Outreach Specialist serving not only Alabama but Mississippi and Arkansas as well. Amy will be getting in touch with you soon by email. She will also make face-to-face contacts throughout the state to become familiar with the stakeholders of Alabama and the challenges we face when serving students who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind.

As you have learned from this newsletter, the Postsecondary Education Consortium (PEC) has become PEPNet-South. As a part of this change the Southeast Region of PEPNet will no longer be served by a State Outreach and Technical Assistance Center (SOTAC) in each state. Rather, the states in the Southeast Region have been clustered and will be served by five Outreach and Technical Assistance Centers. The Outreach Center for Alabama will be housed at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Alabama will continue to receive the excellent outreach and technical assistance as before but even better.

I know Amy will receive a warm Alabama welcome for which we are most known and I am looking forward to continuing with each of you the provision of excellent services to students who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind.

My Best,
Cindy Camp

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Regional Academic Bowl

for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Students

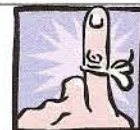


Back Row—L to R: Chachie Joseph (Coordinator of Southeast Academic Bowl), Debbie Cobb (ASD Academic Bowl Coach), Nicholas Laster, Kaley Oliver (ASD Academic Bowl Coach), unidentified person

Front Row—L to R: Andrew Stewart, Kateyln Clark, Robyn Parker



SAVE THIS DATE: FEBRUARY 15-16, 2008 at ASD for ACADEMIC BOWL COMPETITION!!!! COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE WARRIORS!!!



The 2007 Southeast Academic Bowl competition was held at Berkmar High School in Lilburn, GA. We had two new team players, Nicholas Laster and Andrew Stewart. Competing also were our two veteran team players, Robyn Parker and Kateyln Clark, our team captain. Also joining us for support were Trey Gordon and Keyatta Wyckoff. Our team competed very well against the other teams. We won our first FIVE matches, including an awesome win against FSDB!!! It was fun to socialize with other deaf and hard of hearing students from all over the Southeast. We are very excitedly looking forward to next year's competition. The competition will be hosted by Alabama School for the Deaf!

The Southeast Academic Bowl will be held at Alabama School for the Deaf February 15-16, 2008. It will consist of 16 deaf and hard of hearing teams from across the Southeast. These teams may be from Deaf Institutes or from public school programs. Gallaudet University sponsors the competition and the top two teams move on to compete in a national competition at Gallaudet in May. If you want more information about the competition at ASD, please contact Ms. Kaley Oliver at oliver,kaley@aidb.state.al.us

Many thanks to Ms. Cobb and Ms. Oliver for contributing to this article!

If you see any of these players or coaches around, please do say a word of congratulations for their hard work in this past competition!

More information about this past competition can be found at:

<http://academicbowl.gallaudet.edu/ab07r/se/archive/000252.html>



Southeast Region covers:

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

Southeast Participating Teams

Alabama School for the Deaf
 Atlanta Area School for the Deaf
 Berkmar High School
 Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf
 Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind
 Georgia School for the Deaf
 Jonesboro High School
 Kennesaw Mountain High School
 Lassiter High School
 Louisiana School for the Deaf
 Mississippi School for the Deaf
 Pinellas County Academic Bowl Team
 South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind
 Starrs Mill High School
 Tennessee School for the Deaf
 White Station High School

2007 AAD Conference Schedule

2007	Thursday June 14	Friday June 15	Saturday June 16	Sunday June 17
7:30 am — 8:30 am		Breakfast (on your own)	Breakfast	
8:30 am — 9:45 am		Keynote Speaker: Claudia Gordon “Embracing the Future: Make a Difference!”	Workshops — theater style A) DeafDoc B) Take CHARGE! Be Ready for Anything! By Evon Black & Hal Suddreth C) Domestic Violence by Beth Metlay	Depart!
9:45 am — 10:00 am		Break	Break	Travel Safely!
10:00 am — 11:30 am	COSDA General meeting	Workshops A) Sorenson Relay Services by Eric Emmons B) Mental Illness & Its Stigma by Wendy Lozynsky C) Sprint Relay Game Show by Evon Black	Workshops D) Skydiving by Billy Vance E) Stampin Up! By Stacie Yarborough F) Parliamentary Procedure by Libby Pollard G) Youth Leadership by Tawny Holmes	
11:30 am — 1:00 pm	Luncheon/Awards	Lunch (on your own)	Lunch	
1:00 pm — 2:30 pm		Forum Social Services: Where Do We Go From Here? By Steve Hamerdinger	AAD Business Meeting Libby	
2:30 pm — 3:00 pm		Break	Break	
3:00 pm — 4:30 pm		Workshops A) DeafDoc B) Parliamentary Procedure by Libby Pollard C) Services for Older Alabamians with Vision Loss by Julie Brock & Jane Bush D) ASLTA by Charlene Crump	AAD meeting (continued)	
4:30 pm — 7:00 pm	AAD Executive Board Meeting	Dinner on own		
7:00 pm	Opening Reception Dingo OR Showing of PBS Documentary “Through Deaf Eyes”	Miss Deaf Alabama Pageant/Silent Auction Tawny/Josh MC	Entertainment/Awards Dinner from 7-10 pm Entertainer: Rosa Lee	
9:30 pm	Social	Social	Social	

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Come Attend the Birmingham Sorenson VRS Interpreting Center Open House



You are invited to the Birmingham Sorenson Video Relay Service (VRS) Interpreting Center Open House. Please join us for an opportunity to meet Ron Burdett, Vice President of Community Relations for Sorenson Communications. Tours of the interpreting center and light refreshments will also be available.

Date: Wednesday, June 20th, 2007
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: Birmingham Sorenson VRS Interpreting Center
100 Concourse Parkway, Suite 100
Hoover, AL 35244

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